

HB 1183

Performance

Measures

OVERSIGHT COUNCIL FOR IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE
RESPONSES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

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Purpose of Performance Measures

Better understand the problem

Have data to inform decision making and future improvements

Monitor implementation

Track outcomes

Key Findings from the Task Force Process: Lack of National Data

Lack of comprehensive data on law enforcement contacts with individuals with mental illness

- No national data on law enforcement encounters with individuals with mental illness
- Studies estimate that 7% of law enforcement encounters involve people with mental illness (Borum (1998); Deane, Steadman, Borum, Veysey, & Morrissey (1999); Lodestar (2002))

No national data collected on prevalence of individuals with mental illness in the court system, pretrial experiences, court processing times, or sentencing

Outdated information about the prevalence of mental illness among jail populations (2006) and probationers (1999)

National Data: New Bureau of Justice Statistics Report Released in June 2017

Highlights

- More jail inmates (26%) met the threshold for serious psychological distress (SPD) in the past 30 days than the general population (5%)
 - SPD was determined using the Kessler 6 nonspecific psychological distress scale, a 6-question tool used to screen for serious mental illness in adults
 - The study also used “history of a mental health problem” as an indicator
- 30% of jail inmates who met the SPD threshold were receiving mental health treatment
- 10% of jail inmates who met the threshold for SPD were written up or charged with assault, as compared to 4% of inmates with no indicator of a mental health problem
- A larger percentage of females in jail (32%) than males in jail (26%) met the threshold for SPD in the past 30 days

Source: Indicators of Mental Health Problems Reported by Prisoners and Jail Inmates, 2011-12 (2017). US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Key Findings from the Task Force Process: Lack of Statewide Data

No statewide data on law enforcement encounters with people with mental illness or diversions from jail

- Reviewed data from Minnehaha County's Mobile Crisis Team
- Discussed diversions that resulted from the availability of Pennington County's Crisis Care Center
- Used key stakeholders to estimate how many agencies have personnel trained in CIT

No statewide data on mental illness among jail inmates

- Conducted a survey of South Dakota Jails
- Examined data from Minnehaha and Pennington County Jails using proxy measures for mental illness

Little statewide data on people with mental illness in the court system

- Reviewed data on orders for competency evaluations
- Analyzed data using a proxy measure for mental illness

A proxy is an indirect measure of the desired outcome which is itself strongly correlated to that outcome, commonly used when direct measures of the outcome are unobservable and/or unavailable.

Provide tools for law enforcement and communities to address mental health crises early and prevent jail admissions

HB 1183 Performance Measures: CIT Coordinator and Review Team

CIT review team assessment of statewide CIT coordinator

- Number of requests for assistance from CIT coordinator
- Names of agencies requesting assistance
- Number of requests granted
- Number of law enforcement officers trained
- Training adherence to Memphis or other evidence-based model

HB 1183 Performance Measures: Crisis Response Grants

Grant program for cities, counties, or groups of counties to establish or expand crisis response services

- Number of applications for grant program
- Number of applications accepted
- Amount awarded to each grantee
- Location, purpose, population served by grant

Expedite completion of competency exams
ensuring speedier court processing and shorter
jail stays

HB 1183 Performance Measures: Competency Evaluation Fund

Fund administered by the Association of County Officials to provide funding to counties for competency evaluations

- Amount distributed annually in total
- Amount distributed annually by county
- Number of competency evaluations completed with funds from the program

HB 1183 Performance Measures: Timely Competency Evaluations

21-day timeframe for completion of competency evaluations

- Average number of days from court order to completion of competency examinations
- Number of competency examination continuances requested
- Number of competency examination continuances granted

Strengthen opportunities to divert people from the criminal justice system into mental health treatment

HB 1183 Performance Measures: Assessment and Treatment as Bond Conditions

Allowable conditions of bond may include a requirement that a defendant complete a mental health assessment and follow treatment recommendations

- Number and percent of defendants for whom MH assessment is required as a condition of bond
- Number and percent of defendants for whom MH treatment is required as a condition of bond
- Number and percent of those with assessment and treatment as a condition of bond who comply with bond conditions

HB 1183 Performance Measures: Mental Health Response Teams

Mental health response teams to identify eligible individuals and utilize a multi-disciplinary approach to treatment planning, making treatment referrals and referrals to non-mental health services, and information sharing

- Name of any circuits that establish mental health response teams
- Number of persons meeting the response team criteria
- Number meeting criteria who are released pretrial and referred for MH assessment or treatment
- Percent meeting criteria who are released pretrial and referred for MH assessment or treatment

HB 1183 Performance Measures: Mental Health Court

Mental health court

- Number of persons referred to any MH court
- Number and percent admitted to MH court
- Number and percent admitted who complete MH court requirements
- Number and percent convicted of a new crime within one to three years of completing MH court

Continue to identify ways to improve criminal justice responses for those with mental illness

HB 1183 Performance Measures: Jail Mental Health Screening

Jail mental health screening pilot program to include at least 4 jails

- Number of persons screened
- Number screening positive

Development of a process for statewide rollout of a jail mental health screen

- Number and percent of persons screened at intake
- Number and percent of positive screens

HB 1183 Performance Measures: Probationer Mental Health Referrals

Data collection on probationers assessed and referred for mental health treatment

- Number and percent of probationers referred for MH assessment
- Number and percent of probationers referred for MH treatment
- Annual cost of probationer MH assessments and treatment, in total and by funding source

Questions?

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